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SUBJECT: PROPOSED STUDENT PROGRAM WITH IRAQ

REF: BAGHDAD 0145, STATE 40940

1. DEPARTMENT VIEWS ON BAGHDAD 0145 ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW.
DETAILED OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM FOLLOWS BY POUCH.

2. UNLIKELY THAT STUDENT PROGRAM CAN BE INITIATED BEFORE
ACADEMIC YEAR 1974-75. RECOMMEND USINT DELAY OFFER OF
SCHOLARSHIPS UNTIL SUMMER OR EARLY FALL. THIS WILL
PERMIT ORDERLY APPROACH TO NEW PROJECT.

3. BOARD OF FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS CONCURS IN PROPOSED
IRAQI STUDENT PROJECT ONLY ON YEAR- TO- YEAR BASIS IN VIEW
EXISTING BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ON EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL
AFFAIRS. IN EVENT CIRCUMSTANCES LATER PERMIT REVITALI-
ZATION OF FULBRIGHT COMMISSION, SPECIAL STUDENT PROJECT
WOULD BE ABSORBED BY REGULAR FULBRIGHT ACADEMIC PROGRAM.

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4. REQUIREMENT FOR MULTIPLE NOMINATIONS OR PANELS OF STUDENTS IS BASED STATUTORY AUTHORITY OF BOARD OF FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS TO SELECT STUDENTS. THIS AUTHORITY CANNOT BE WAIVED. FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSION WITH GOI, HOWEVER, REQUEST USINT EMPHASIZE DESIRABILITY OF PANEL OF TWO OR THREE NOMINEES FOR EACH AVAILABLE FELLOWSHIP, ON GROUNDS NEEDED FOR EFFICIENT PLACEMENT PURPOSES (SEE STATE 40940). NO OBJECTION IF GOI WISHES TO RANK- ORDER NOMINEES, THUS INDICATING FIRST PREFERENCE. IN EVENT BFS APPROVES GOI PRINCIPAL, OF COURSE, PLACEMENT EFFORTS WILL CONCENTRATE ON THAT NOMINEE. NOMINEES APPROVED BY BFS IN EXCESS OF NUMBER OF FELLOWSHIPS WILL BE DESIGNATED ALTERNATES AND/ OR RENOMINATED FOR GRANTS FOLLOWING YEAR, AS APPROPRIATE.

5. INITIAL COST OF FELLOWSHIP AND REQUIRED ANNUAL RENEWALS WILL BE FUNDED BY DEPARTMENT. DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION IF GOI WISHES TO SHARE COSTS BY PAYING INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION AS SUGGESTED BAGHDAD 0145. HOWEVER, COST SHARING BY GOI SHOULD NOT BE SOLICITED OR ACCEPTED IF IT APPEARS THAT GOI WOULD WANT TO CALL SHOTS ON NOMINATIONS OR OTHER PROCEDURAL MATTERS.

6. CONCUR THAT AFME PARTICIPATION COULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. HOWEVER, ALTERNATIVE IS ADMINISTRATION BY INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION (IIE), NEW YORK. GOI ROLE IN STUDENT PROJECT LIMITED TO NOMINATIONS. USINT THEREFORE MUST BE PREPARED ASSUME ENTIRE BURDEN OF RECEIVING APPLICATIONS, COLLECTING REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION, INTERVIEWING STUDENTS, ARRANGING FOR TOEFL TEST, FORWARDING COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO IIE, PROCESSING VISAS, ARRANGING TRANSPORTATION TO US, ETC. GUIDELINES BY OM. PORTER

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